

# AUSPICIOUS OPENING OF PHOENIX'S SPLENDID SCHOOL SYSTEM YESTERDAY

## STUDENTS CROWD HALLS OF PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Phoenix Union High school opened its doors yesterday morning to the largest student body in its history.

When assembly opened, shortly after nine o'clock, the big auditorium barely held the crowd of students and instructors.

R. Thane Cook, principal of the school, mounted the rostrum amid applause, to outline to the boys and girls the school's policies for the coming year. His opening address dealt with the duties of preparation for life, as regards education, and carried a strong urge toward ambition.

The new instructors were introduced. Miss Salmons will act as head of the Spanish department, teaching second year work exclusively, while Miss McAfee will guide the young hopefuls in vocal music, expression and oratory. She will also have English classes. These branches are additions to the curriculum, and a large number of students is expected to elect them.

Other new members of the faculty are Mr. Hoffeldt, Mr. Stauffacher, Mr. Morgan and Miss Hope.

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Phoenix high enters its 1216 season as the leading institution of learning in the southwest. It is not only the largest, but the most highly regarded high school in Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas.

During the assembly, Coach Geary made an earnest appeal to all Coyotes who are interested in football to appear on the gridiron during the afternoon, for practice. The request was met with a hearty response. Many candidates will respond, and the 1916 squad will be the largest and best in the history of the school.

Attending high school this year will not be unattended by discomfort for some. So popular has the institution become since it was enlarged four years ago, it is now impossible to make the original quarters do for the classes. Practically a thousand students will be spread among two score classes, and the rooms are pretty well taken. In fact some classes will have to be held off the campus in residences.

Science courses will be popular, and close attention will be paid to equipment. A feature is the automobile course, under supervision of G. G. Morgan, formerly of the Glendale High school. Morgan coached the Sugar King football team last year.

## CHEERFUL REPORTS FROM RURAL SCHOOLS

Reports from the rural schools to the county school superintendent were most encouraging. The showing of the first day of the school year far surpassed that of a year ago, according to the work brought to the office yesterday. J. W. King, principal of the Alhambra school, estimated the enrollment of the school he heads at 100 and believes that many more students will register before the week is over. As at the Alhambra school, so it is with all the rural schools, and Assistant County School Superintendent A. L. Jones believes the outlook for the year is exceptionally good.

## HOW TO GET RID OF ANTS IN HOUSE

As long as household conditions are such as to attract ants, measures for getting rid of the insects will be of

little value. The first step in freeing a house from these pests is, therefore, to clean up all food that may be scattered about and keep food supplies which may attract ants in ant-proof metal containers, or in ice boxes. Cake, bread, sugar, meal and similar substances are especially likely to attract the insects. The use of baits is not recommended because of the danger that these will serve merely to draw more insects into the house and thus actually to increase the nuisance. Where it can be safely used however a syrup poisoned with arsenic of soda has been found effective. The formula for this syrup is one pound of sugar dissolved in a quart of water, to which should be added 125 grains of arsenate of soda. This mixture is boiled and strained and on cooling is used to moisten sponges which are placed where they can be reached easily by the ants. The insects collect the syrup and convey it to their nests, so that the whole colony is ultimately poisoned. Although this method has been found effective, as has been said, it should be remembered that the arsenate of soda is poisonous to human beings and to animals as well as to ants, and that its use must be safeguarded by the greatest precautions. When the ants can be traced back to their nests and these are in accessible places, it is possible to destroy the colonies by injecting with an oil can or small syringe a little bisulphid of carbon, kerosene, or gasoline into the nests. All these substances, however, are inflammable and precautions must be taken, therefore, against the danger of fire. Though the common garden or lawn ants which build their little crater nests around houses are distinct species from the true house ants, they may find their way into the stroyed by drenching - If their colonies may be destroyed by drenching the nests with boiling water or injecting a small quantity of kerosene or coal oil into them. Where larger areas are affected or with a very strong soap wash prepared by dissolving any common laundry soap in water at the rate of one-half pound to one pound of soap to a gallon of water. Another method is to inject bisulphid of carbon into the nests, the quantity of the chemical depending upon the size of the nest. After the bisulphid of carbon has been injected, the entrance to the nest should be closed by the foot in order to retain the chemical, which will then penetrate slowly through the underground channel and kill the ants. Although its fumes are disagreeable, they are not poisonous to man and the higher animals.

## BATTALION OF REGULARS SPEND NIGHT IN TOWN

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his theater, informed Col. Martin, that both his officers and men were at perfect liberty to attend his theater without cost, and that all men in uniform could have the best seats in the house. The men took the same train, the same good-fellowship with which it was of-

## "YOU BET WE'D FIGHT!" SAY THESE GIRLS



Gen. Virginia Lazenby (left) and Col. Kate Lehane.

"Would we go into Mexico in case of war? You bet we would!" That's the spirit of the 150 recruits who have just broken camp on the banks of Lake Worth, Texas. The girls, whose officers were Gen. Virginia Lazenby and Col. Kate Lehane, had their campment for the purpose of preparing themselves for service in the army in time of war.

fered and literally swamped the house. The command left Douglas Friday morning, going from there to Fort Huachuca, a distance of 56 miles. The next day's trip was from the fort to Tucson, a distance of 66 miles. From Tucson the trip was made to Florence, 52 miles, from Florence to Phoenix 62 miles. From here they will go to Fish Creek, leaving at six o'clock this morning, making the 44 miles. Their itinerary then calls for the trip to be made from Fish Creek to the dam, and return the same day, a distance of 36 miles. From Fish Creek, they will make an attempt to cut across the desert to Florence. Col. Martin stated last night that he had been informed that the trip was not feasible, and in that case he would return to Phoenix, and then to Florence 46 miles, from Florence they will go to Benson 151 miles, then to Pearce 44 miles and then back to Douglas 52 miles, making a total mileage of 593 miles.

About 15 miles an hour has been averaged on the trip this far. The only trouble this far has been in getting the heavy trucks across the Gila. Several of them stuck in the sand, but with several hundred men hooked on, they came out in quick order. The command as originally constituted consisted of 14 officers, 424 men and 51 truck drivers. The latter are enlisted in the army, though under the control of the officers and are amenable to the same discipline. The trip this far has been a welcome diversion to the men. They have been cooped up in garrison at Douglas eating sand has proven welcome. The men are all in good health, have plenty to eat and are not working very hard. As soon as the camp was laid out last night, details got busy, dug holes in the ground, inserted miniature stoves therein, built blazing fires

## HEALTHY GROWTH OF CLASSES IN OUR TEN GRADED SCHOOLS

City school registration, lighter than expected, but indicating only a decrease in the first day arrival of Mexican children, together with an increase in the white boys and girls, was the feature of yesterday's opening of the fall term here. Figures compiled by Superintendent of Schools John D. Loper last night showed that 2,370 children had entered the ten schools.

The drop in the registration of Mexican children is not abnormal, as this class has usually been a trifle late in registering. The increase in the number of children of Anglo-Saxon blood, however, denotes the expected healthy growth of the local institutions.

The city school, ten in number, offer the grades from 1 to 8 inclusive. This year, as last, the vocational training will receive attention. At the Monroe school, the largest in the city, the domestic science department, already having demonstrated its efficiency, will put out hot lunches at cost to the school children, beginning next Monday. The food will be cooked and served in cafeteria style, by girls in the classes of that department.

The first day registration of schools about them, and before it seemed they had hardly started, the smell of beans and bacon was in the air.

One of the most pleasing features of the men's first moments in camp was the "mail call," which sounded "merry pronto." Upon hearing this, the boys set up a shout that was heard several blocks away. The non-commissioned officers passed out the welcome letters and papers, in spite of the fact that the men did not have time then to read them.

In order that the boys in khaki might know that Phoenix is possessed of a real brand of hospitality, the local chapter of the Red Cross purchased and gave to the troops several kegs of ice cream. The boys were enjoyed the change from army rations, and called loudly for more.

The Republican sent over enough morning papers to go around, in order that the troops might learn the latest from the border.

The camp was the mecca of great numbers of men women and children last night. Freedom of the camp was allowed everyone. The officers were entertained in the various clubs, while the men scattered all over town. One officer spent his time during the evening pounding his typewriter by the light of an incandescent candle.

WEEDIN TO HOSPITAL—Register Thomas F. Weedon, of the U. S. land office, was taken to the hospital yesterday for an operation involving a foot, blood poisoning being the cause.

Monroe	690
Adams	544
Grant	196
Washington	195
Capitol	182
McKinley	173
Garfield	162
Filmore	105
Lincoln	92
Douglas (colored)	90

Total 2,370

There is overcrowding only in spots this year, according to Superintendent Loper. In some class rooms there is plenty of room to accommodate the late registration to be expected during all this week and part of next. It is possible some readjustments may be made early in the term.

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